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GRAIN-THEFT TRIALS IN BULGARIA;
AGRICULTURE, FORESTATION DEVELOPMENTS

OFFICIALS TRIED FOR STEALING -- Kyustendil, Kyustendilsko Delo, 9 Aug 52

On 2 August 1952, the following persons were tried by the Kyustendil Okoliya court: Georgi V. Bagaliyski, former director of the "Zurneni khrani" DO ("Grain Food" State Association), for stealing 500 kilograms of grain at the end of August 1951 and 35 kilograms of rice at the beginning of 1952 from the DO storehouse; Iliya K. Shukerov, former chief of the DO storehouse, for stealing (together with Bagaliyski) 500 kilograms of grain at the end of August 1951; Dobrin St. Shulev and Boyac A. Gurkov, chief of the DO storehouse, for stealing about 400 kilograms of grain from the DO storehouse at the end of August 1952.

Bagaliyski and Gurkov were given 2-year prison terms; Shukerov and Shulev, 3-year prison terms.

BULGARIA PRODUCES 20,000 TONS OF COTTON -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 24 Jan 53

Vienna, 23 January -- The Vienna newspaper Die Presse has reported that Bulgaria produced 20,000 tons of cotton in 1952 on an area of 200,000 hectares. This amount is sufficient to meet the country's needs. In an effort to increase cotton production, Bulgaria has imported Soviet cotton strains which better resist the harsh Bulgarian climate.

In fall 1953, a spinning mill will be added to the "Maritsa" State Enterprise.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF SHEEP -- Plovdiv, Otechestven Glas, 7 Sep 52

More than one million sheep were artificially inseminated in Bulgaria during 1952.

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FORESTATION AROUND DAMS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 28 Nov 52

Over 52,000 decares of land around the "Georgi Dimitrov," "Topolnitsa," "Rositsa," "Studena," and "Stalin" dams have been forested during spring 1952. Some 25,000 decares have been forested around the "Stalin" Dam alone. This fall, an additional 15,700 decares of land are being forested around the artificial lakes of the above dams.

FORESTATION IN DOBRUDZHA -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 29 Nov 52

By 25 November 1952, a total of 29,735 decares of the 30,000 decares called [by the 1952?] plan had been forested in Dobrudzha. In Stalin Okrug, 23,700 decares were forested (113 percent of the plan).

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LISTS MTS IN STALIN OKRUG -- Stalin, Stalinsk Zname, 5 Aug 52

There are 23 MTS (machine tractor stations) in Stalin Okrug: Stalin, Voditsa, Provadiya, Vulchi dol, Stefan Karadzha, Dulgopol, Balchik, Kavarna, Shabla, Senokos, Belgun, General Toshevo, Vasilevo, Spasovo, Krasen, Tolbukhin, Krushari, Karapelit, Ovcharovo, Zhitnitsa, Stozher, Tervel, and Sredishte.

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